

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above amendments. It is respectfully noted that claims 1-15, 17-26, 28-48, and 55-78 remain unchanged. Claims 16, 27, and 49-54 have been amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

In the Specification:

~~This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/_____,
filed November 2, 2001 under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).~~ This application claims priority to U.S.
Provisional Patent Application No. 60/336,329, filed November 2, 2001 under 35 U.S.C. §
119(e).

In the Claims:

16. The therapeutic element set forth in claim 1 wherein said elongate member is
composed of a ~~the~~ bio-absorbable material is selected from the group consisting of polymers
and copolymers of glycolide, lactide and polydioxanone.

27. The therapeutic element set forth in claim ~~29~~ 26 wherein said one of a hormone
and a drug is dispersed along the length of said elongate, axially rigid and radially flexible
member.

49. The therapeutic element of claim 1 wherein said member has a durometer in the
range of about 20 to about 80.

50. The therapeutic element of claim 1 wherein said member has a durometer in the
range of about 20 to about 40.

51. The therapeutic element of claim 20 wherein said member has a durometer in the range of about 20 to about 80.

52. The therapeutic element of claim 20 wherein said member has a durometer in the range of about 20 to about 40.

53. The therapeutic element of claim 28 wherein said member has a durometer in the range of about 20 to about 80.

54. The therapeutic element of claim 28 wherein said member has a durometer in the range of about 20 to about 40.